

Greetings,

Meeting notes:

September 15th:

On Thursday, September 15, 2005, the Gateway COOP Working Group conducted a meeting at 4300 Goodfellow, Building 105L, Class Room 4. The meeting started at 1:00 pm and ended at 3:00 pm. In attendance were approximately 15 representatives from various federal agencies in and around the St. Louis Metro area.

Agenda:

Mike Smiley from the St. Louis County Police, Office of Emergency Management reviewed the federal requirements to COOP. During Q&A the question was asked about the impact of the multiple political jurisdictions in St. Louis county on communications during emergencies that cross those boundaries. He noted that it is a critical issue for emergency planning in the county. They do not have and are not working on a project like the Downtown St. Louis Emergency Preparedness Organization (DSTEP) <http://www.downtownstlouis.org/web/dstep/index.jsp>. He also referred to FEMA's guides for state and local government. <http://www.fema.gov/onsc>

Carlis Callahan from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) <http://www.modot.state.mo.us/index.htm> delivered a presentation on the state bridges. He discussed about what MoDOT would do in the event of an earthquake to clear roads and bridges. He noted that there are prepositioned emergency crews designated for various geographic segments of the state. He also noted that Highway 100 is the only exit from the St. Louis area that does not involve a bridge. He acknowledged that this could be a huge problem in the event of an evacuation, much like we witnessed in Houston during Hurricane Rita.

* Many thanks to Susanne Valdez (FEB) and Deana Hughes (FPS) for their meeting notes. BTW: We need to have a recorder for the meetings. If someone would want to volunteer that would be a great help.

Presenters:

- Michael Smiley, St. Louis County Police Department, Office of Emergency Management MSmiley@stlouisco.com 314-628-5414.
- Carlis Callahan, Missouri Office of Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Carlis.Callahan@modot.mo.gov 573-522-8752

Deana Hughes mentioned to me that the group would like to hear from FEMA and others about their hurricane experiences and observations. I propose that we allow 30 minutes or more for the next 3-4

meetings to listen to agencies or department's response or activities to the Gulf Coast disasters. We can begin this November and start with the Coast Guards experiences.

October: There will be **NO** October meeting because of the operational commitments from the disasters in the Gulf.

November Meeting Notice:

When: November 10th, 2005. Starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 3:00 pm.

Location: Federal Center in St. Louis, Building 105L Training Room #4 The Federal Center is located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd. just south of Interstate 70. Federal ID is required when entering the complex. Parking is available across from Building 105L on 4th Street (designated as Lots 4 & 5) Lot J also has parking spaces.

Agenda: As noted earlier we will have the St. Louis based Coast Guard brief the group on their activities during Hurricane Kristina and Rita.

Meeting Dates:

~~October 13, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd - Cancelled~~

November 10, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd

December 8, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd

January 12, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd

February 9, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd

March 9, 2005 1:00 - 3:00 pm Federal Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd

If you should have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to call. Be safe.

Respectfully,

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